

July 5, 2018

Dear ND Juggler Parents,

Notre Dame Regional Secondary School is implementing a new technology policy to respond to the needs of the new curriculum and modern learner. For September 2018, grade eights are encouraged to bring a device to every class. **Please note: a cell phone is not an acceptable educational device.**

For January 2019, all grade eight students are required to bring a device to every class.

Increasingly, more student work requires an electronic device. It has become an essential educational tool for accessing resources; producing written, visual and oral/collaborative work, like presentations; testing; running simulations; and coding.

Notre Dame is a Google school. All students are assigned a myndrs.com account, which gives them access to Gmail, Drive, Classroom, and other apps wherever they have Internet access. With Google Chrome being our preferred web browser, we would strongly recommend that **your child bring a Chromebook to school.** A Chromebook is similar to a laptop, but is exclusively web-based and is significantly less expensive. Chromebooks are available at many stores such as Best Buy.

Chromebooks have proven to be reliable devices for learning, serve our educational needs very well, and can be obtained at a reasonable price point. Depending on use and care, a Chromebook will last through your child's time at Notre Dame.

If you choose to have your child bring an alternate device to school, it must meet these requirements:

- Chrome OS compatible
- Battery life of 7 hours at full charge
- Minimum screen size of 10"
- A physical keyboard
- Updated with current antivirus and legally purchased software

If there are any technical, policy or general questions about the 1:1 device policy please email devices@ndrs.org .

Notre Dame has incorporated Chromebooks as a learning tool for over 5 years, and teachers at all grade levels have seen the positive impact it has on learning. Moving to a 1:1 policy will further enhance opportunities and learning experiences for students.

Sincerely,

Mr. R. DesLauriers
Principal